

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, below the title and above "Field of the invention," please insert the following new paragraph:

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Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Further, as an alternative method to the fecal occult blood test, in order to detect gene expression more directly, a method for detecting mRNA of protein kinase C (PKC) or the like in the feces has been developed (L. A. Davidson, et al., Carcinogenesis, 19(2), 1998, 253-257; R. J. Alexander and R. F. Raicht, Digestive Diseases and Sciences, 43(12), 1998, 2652-2658; T. Yamao, et al., Gastroenterology, 114(6), 1998, ~~1198~~ 1196-1205).

After page 14, please substitute the SEQUENCE LISTING appended hereto for the originally filed SEQUENCE LISTING.